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In re Applicant: Sergey POPOV  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2009, and issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application. Kindly amend the above-referenced patent application as set forth hereinbelow.